A New-Year's Sermon on Disgraceful Fallures. We are asked to "say something" about the perfectly seandalous business failures that are every week reported as having Taken place in various parts of the country. We should be very glad not only to say for the benefit of our indignant reader, whose feelings seem to have been deeply stirred upon this subject, the "something which he has asked, but a good deal more if we had much hope of doing any really good work in the premises, for he is only one of a very large class who are disturbed by the perusal of these weekly stories of the most discreditable and demoralizing bankrupt-

Failures are sometimes inevitable, and are not infrequently of a character to leave no stain, and inflict no disgrace upon the harassed and unfortunate merchant whose business schemes have, through no fault of his own, all miscarried, and finally left him but a stranded wreck upon the shores of trade. For such disappointed, disheartened, and downfallen men we have nothing but the profoundest sympathy. Toward them every man of the slightest feeling would extend a helping hand, and upon them we would hope to be the last to heap one word of reproach, or one sentence of

censure or condemnation. But for the miserably dishonest, tricky operator of the period, who ends a career of fraud and outrageous personal extravagance-a personal extravagance participated in and advertised by every member of his household-by an evidently long-intended, bedged for and planned for ten cents on a dollar or "no assets" failure, we can, of course, have no other feeling than the profoundest contempt; and we take it that every respectable man shares our sentiand most strikingly emphasizing the senti-

not fully understood by all. carelessly upon these frequently-recurring newspapers. fraudulent failures because they see no acyet John Jones's family retains the fashionbeen cheated out of confiding dry-goods

chanic, living in a back street, his wife takas a gigantic bankrupt, compromises with his creditors for twenty-five cents on the dollar, retains his swell-front house at the though so much worse off in all points earth-which falls to the ground.

We were called not long ago to visit a family which was actually in a freezing and starving condition. The man of the house was a locksmith and bell-hanger, who had had no work for a long time; yet he showed us a package of bills for work done in the past for failed builders which if paid, he said, would have carried him over the a secret to do him a lifetime. dull season. With those bills in our hands we had no hard task to trace back the sufferings of the famishing children to their source. This family was starving because far back a gigantic swindling real-estate the character we have been describing and denouncing, and with direct results to himself and family such as we have painted.

Far away in the lumbering regions of Maine a settlement of choppers is staring grim want in the face at the opening of what promises to be a hard winter. They are in suffering because they have not been paid for their last winter's work. The trouble is at the head of their line. They have not been paid because Shingles & Co., the great spring. All remember their case. It was anybody to preside over." the talk of the town for twenty-four hours, and some good, honest souls thought something ought to be done about it.

tions. We speak whereof we know. Last month an honest, hard-working New and the middleman had not paid because one of these wretched failures of the pe-

Last week a young and delicate girl, after seeing the pleasant home of her childhood ruthlessly broken up, turned her steps to ministerial converse. Let honor crown his the city and sought to avoid actual beggary by the toils of the city shop, for which she was but poorly fitted. A gigantic real estate speculator of the period whose selling out under foreclosures occupied a whole column of the paper a little while since, had to invest: An eminent financier has just swindled the poor girl out of her home and ruined a score of other persons.

But "what are you going to do about it?" At any rate, we have acted upon the suggestion of our correspondent, and "said something about it," and we hope, at another time, to say something more about somewhere, but a good many things wrong any time." in many directions.

great mercantile houses make most disastrous and disgraceful failures-failures which reveal the fact that they have been worse than nothing through long years of good credit, and it turns out that all the partners of the bankrupt concern have, during the years of their good credit, hedged against the future by paying for immense annulty insurance policies out called Mr. S. to her bedside, and with tears of the money belonging to their crediin her eyes, begged him, in case of her something wrong about the life-insurance apolis Herald. business? When badly-failed merchants continue to live in magnificent houses which have been settled on their wives not long before they went into bankruptcy, does there not seem to be something wrong about the laws which permit such settlements? When a known swindler works his way through bankruptcy and gets what is called an honorable discharge, when every-

in the laws of bankruptcy? And, finally, when we find these classes mon tout!" of bold swindlers, who have, through long "Bob Ingersoll," says the Cincinnati years of truckery, fraud, and the sharpest sort of practice, made their way to apparent is easy enough to take a country by storm financial comfort over the wrecks of the when it has once been taken by steal.fortunes of worthy people, kindly and favorably received into good society, their past conduct apparently atoned for by lavish use of ill-gotten gains, must we not conclude that there is something radically wrong in our social system !- Boston Trav-

eller. Fourteen paragrapuers in Mexico were led out and shot the other day for making puns on President Diaz's name. And they were cretty good puns, too.—Norristown Herald.

THE TROUBLES OF AN OHIOAN WHO DIDN'T STATE OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—The city WANT THE NEWSPAPERS TO HEAR OF HIS OF Piltsburgh and the western part of the MARRIAGE.—[From the Columbus (O.) State

Journal.]—About three months ago a young
man residing in the northern part of the
city called at the probate judge's office and
conveyed the information that he was anxions to the big lead in the northern part of the ious to try his luck in the married state. tion of its territory west of the Alleghenies, to be called "West Pennsylvania." At a matter could be kept out of the hands of meeting of the Select Council of the city of those "newspaper fellers." He was desi- Pittsburgh, held last week, resolutions were rous of keeping the matter a secret for some time, for reasons which he did not see fit to communicate. The deputy informed the young man that he (the deputy) would do his best to prevent a publication of the license, but if the names were demanded he would have to give them to the paper that called for them. This the young man did not like, and so he concluded to not invest in a matrimonial noose, and took his

departure. After leaving the office a bright idea oc curred to him as to how he could circumvent the newspaper gang and get married, too. So he hired a young man to go to Madison county, and procure the necessary papers in that county. Acting upon this purpose he put up a V, and the friend went London and soon returned armed with a

The next move was to get his girl, drive down across the line between Franklin and Madison counties, get married, and return just as cute as anything could be. One afternoon he and the girl started as proposed, and carefully avoiding any chance of being discovered, kept up a sharp lookout for the county line. At last they struck it, and were soon directed to the home of a justice of the peace, who resided just across the line. When they reached the abode of the justice the shades of evening were falling very fast, but that did not make any

difference. The officer was found at work on the woodpile splitting wood. Their mission was made known, and as they stated that they were in a great hurry the justice told them to alight and he would perform the ceremony then and there. It was so dark ments, and welcomes this our attempt to by this time that the justice could not see put them upon public record. There is to read the names of the parties or where not a day that passes that does not bring to they were from, but supposed everything notice some outrage upon decency, fully to be regular. The ceremony over, the justice informed them that he would fill out, ments we are uttering. But there are the necessary blanks next day and forward phases of this matter which are, perhaps, the license by mail. The happy couple then started for home, almost tickled to death at Many are accustomed to look lightly and the manner in which they had fooled the

Time passed on, and nobody guessed tual personal distress and want and suffer- even that the couple had been married. ing growing out of them. John Jones fails But the license did not come as he had and pays three cents upon the dollar, and promised. Finally the mother-in-law became uneasy, and at her instance the young able and expensive pew in the brownstone man wrote to the justice. In a few days a church, rides to it with the pair of grays reply came that when the justice came to that they drove last year, and the wife and fill out the blank he found that the license daughters swing their long skirts up the had been obtained in Madison county; that broad aisle as proudly and gracefully as if he (the justice) resided in that county, but they had been paid for instead of having that the woodpile, on which the ceremony was performed, was in Franklin county and out of his jurisdiction; therefore, the Thomas Smith fails, and though long justice had conscientious scruples, and years ago he started as a journeyman me- would not certify to the marriage. He also recommended the young man to get out ing in vests to make, he now, after ending license in this county and be married right. or over again, if it was not right already. This information stirred quite a breeze in the family, and finally grew so strong West End, keeps his extravagant sons at col- that the young man went to the Probate lege, and is in all respects as far as possible | Court Monday and stated the case. He furfrom any idea of starting where he began, ther said that it was the desire of the girl's (or wife's) relatives that another license be when viewed from any honest standpoint than when earning wages as a day-laborer. But there is suffering somewhere. There is, somewhere at the end of the long row of tumbling bricks, a last brick which touches tumbling bricks, a last brick which touches case he found himself in another dilemma when he found he had to take an oath in taking out the license that neither of the parties named in the license were married. It puzzled him for some time, but he finally took the medicine, and as he left the office stated that he did not care how often the license was published, that he had had enough trouble trying to keep his marriage

. Redfield thus speaks: "Those who talk war should not count in the negro upon either side. And this is a mistake the Reoperator had made a stupendous failure of publicans make. They count 800,000 black men on their side, and tigure out proportionate results. They deceive themselves. They had as well count out the blacks entirely Then what? We find that among the white voters Tilden is nearly a million ahead! That is, there are a million more white men for Tilden than Hayes. Should it come right down to a fight, and every white man drawn in, Tilden's army would be about a million the largest. He would win if anybody did: but by the time such a fight was lumber firm of an interior city, made that over, I doubt if there would be anything most disastrous and disgraceful failure last left of the United States worth the while of

A San Francisco clergyman espied a street-car on December 18th less than half a Shingles & Co., after "borrowing" block distant, and quickened his pace in all the money they could of the savings the hope of overtaking it at the corner; and national banks, and sweeping but the driver, instead of stopping there, in all the lumber from whole districts in whipped his horses and sent the car bowlthe State of Maine, which lumber they ship- ing along the track at high speed. The ped to all quarters of the globe, and sold clergyman broke into a run; he swung his for cash at less than cost at home, suddenly arms, shouted, and made all manner of mocollapsed. And so we might go on, if time tions to attract the attention of the driver. and space allowed, with endless illustra- A group of loafers who had watched the flight of the white cravat set up the cry of "Stop theief!" and a dozen men joined in Hampshire farmer hanged himself in his the chase, headed by a zealous policeman. barn. Cause, financial troubles. He could The runaway clergyman was soon in the not raise money enough to pay his taxes hands of the officer. The crowd called and the interest upon the mortgage upon upon him to surrender the plunder. With his farm, because the middleman who had mingled astonishment and indignation, the bought his farm produce had not paid him; preacher asserted that he was a minister of the gospel and not a thief, and that he had the great city commission-house to whom been making a desperate effort to catch the the produce lad been consigned had made | car. An acquaintance stepped forward and identified him, and so the farce came to an end. From first to last he neither swore nor lost his temper, nor committed any breach whatsoever of the proprieties of

The French have long had the reputation of being excellent managers in money matters. A French paper shows how people are led pany whose bonds he is to float, and the GENTLEMEN'S MOBILE-TOE pany whose bonds he is to float, and the prospectus is being drawn up. They come to the sentence, "The first returns may be at [de 22] MAY'S, 607 Broad street. as a question easier asked than answered. to the sentence, "The first returns may be expected by investors by the 1st of June CHILDS' TOY TRUNKS, \$1.25. " "Hold on!" he cries, "that's too soon." "Well, say the 1st of July." "No. Put down 'may be expected immediately.' it. There is not only something wrong The 1st of July is a date; 'immediately' is

"DULUTH, Christmas-eve.-Santa Claus We have only time, in closing, to allude attempted to fill a Chicago girl's stocking to a few of the existing muddles. When here this evening, but in consequence of an MAY CLOSES SATURDAY UNTIL de 22 accident to the grain elevator which he had specially engaged for the purpose he was compelled to abandon the enterprise." Brooklyn Argus.

Mrs. Sniggle, being an invalid, and seeing in the papers that corpses are being burned in a heathenish way in the East tors, does it not seem as if there was death, to not have her criminated .- Indian-

> The principal of a high school not a hundred miles from Boston recently asked a gentleman from Constantinople if the future of Islamism and Buddhism was not seriously involved in the quarrel between Russia and Turkey.

Madame de Stael, conversing at Weimer with Henry Crabb Robinson in regard to body seems to be aware that he is a fraud her father, of whose death she had just deserving jail, is there not something wrong heard, exclaimed, "Oh! il n'était pas mon père-il était mon frère, mon fils, mon mari,

"took the country by storm." It Courier-Journal.

The paragraphist of the St. Louis Republican bids fair to end his Missourible exstence at the relentless saw-buck .- Col.

A little boy's first pair of trousers always lit, if the pockets are deep enough.—Nor-

ristown Herald. Punch in his dictionary gives the defi-nition of the word "conscience": "My rule for another man's conduct."- Exchange.

AUCTION SALES-This Day.

PRACKETS,
VASES, TOYS,
FANCY GOODS,
CHINA GOODS,
WILLOW-WARE,
NOTIONS, &c., &c. TENZIS.

delphia, we earnestly request our repre-sentatives at Harrisburg to oppose all attempts to saddle the people of the State with the cost of such removal. Resolved, That if the indications are such as lead our representatives to believe that legislation to effect the removal will be asked for at this or any subsequent meeting of the Legislature, we now request them to take immediate and proper steps to cre-

FOR RENT.

ate the new State of West Pennsylvania.

FOR RENT, THAT DESIRABLE now occupied by Mrs. Walton as a millinery store. Possession given April 1st. Depth of store, fifty feet; it desired, can be made seventy-five feet in

adopted as follows, being introduced by a

preamble recounting as a reason the message

of the Mayor of Philadelphia to the Councils

of that city setting forth his reasons why a

determined effort should be made on their

part to secure the removal of the State Capi-

tal to the building known as "Memorial

Hall," and situated on the grounds where

Resolved, That as the balance of the State

of Pennsylvania is not a suburb of Phila-

the Centennial Exposition was held:

depth. Apply to MARCUS HARRIS & BROTHER, 1321 Main street. FOR RENT, that desirable and compor RENT, that desirable and commodious STORE No. 1321 Main street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, now occupied by Messrs. Marcus Harris & Brother. This store has been occupied by the present occupants for the last five years as a wholesale shoe store. It is admirably adapted either for a wholesale or retail business. There is a large basement that can be used to great advantage. Rent greatly reduced, and possession given in a short time.

de 38-3t

ROBERT B. LYNE.

COR RENT, 207 and 211 west Grace street; seven rooms, detatched kitchen, cour rooms; gas, water, bath-rooms, Latrobe stove. 414 west Franklin near Henry street: ten rooms

414 west Frankin near Henry street; ten rooms, gas, water, Latrobe stove, range, bath-room, and every convenience. \$500 per annum.

Nice FRAME COTTAGE, on Governor near Capitol street, containing five rooms; detatched kitchen, &c. Rent only \$250. This house being in a most convenient neighborhood makes it very desirable. Nice BRICK TENEMENT, on Pine near Car

reet; six rooms, gas, water, &c. Rent only \$200 DETACHED BRICK DWELLING, No. 3 east road near Foushee street; six rooms, kitchen Rent low.
Two NICE BRICK TENEMENTS, 2111 and 2111½, Broad street near Twenty-second, each containing about seven rooms, and has gas and water and the usual conveniences. Rent only \$200 per Desirable BRICK DWELLING, No. 518 north

inth between Clay and Leigh streets, lately occu-led by L. A. Crenshaw, Esq., containing about ten ooms; gas, water, culverts, stable, &c. Rent very Nice BRICK TENEMENT near the corner of Twenty-seventh and Broad streets; six rooms, &c. Rent, \$240 per annum. BRICK TENEMENT No. 418 north Seventh Rent, \$240 per annum.

BRICK TENEMENT No. 418 north Seventh street, next to the corner of Clay; seven room; detached kitchen, stable, &c., at \$420 per annum.

Nice FRAME DWELLING, on Leigh between Second and Third streets; \$250. Contains six rooms, with the usual conveniences.

Nice FRAME TENEMENT, on Twenty-fifth near Clay; it rooms; gas, water, &c. Rent only \$200.

Clay; six rooms; gas, water, &c. Rent only \$200. de 29-F.S,&Tu3t ROBERT B. LYNE. FOR RENT, DWELLING No. 803 east Franklin street, with eight large rooms besides smaller rooms; all modern improvements &c. Apply to GRUBBS & WILLIAMS.

de 28-3t corner Thirteenth and Cary streets.

OR RENT, BRICK STORE No. 184 TOR RENT, BRICK STOKE NO. 18 gent Thirteenth street, between Main and Cary Estreets. An excellent stand for grocer or commission merchant. In nice order. Rent, \$420 per year. EDWARD C. GODDIN.

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FOR RENT, THAT DESIRABLE DWELLING No. 520 Eighth, between Editors, containing five rooms; besides, kitchen, gas, water, &c. Possession at once. Apply to

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Days and best-arranged dancing-ball in the city. Dressing- and supper-rooms convenient to the hall. Apply at our office.

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LOST. STRAYED, AND FOUND. OST OR STRAYED from my I stable, last night, on Twelfth street between Main and Cary, a BAY MARE: had on halter, bridle, blanket, and girth. A liberal reward will be given if she is returned to me, CHARLES EUKER. next to corner Twelfth and Main street. de 30-1t\*

OST, last night, on Cary street between Eighth and Twelfth, a SILVER WATCH, with the name of "AUGUST STROTMEYER" on the back of it. A liberal reward will be paid for its return at 808 Cary street. de 30-11

BOOTS. SHOES. &c. NOTHING BETTER FOR A

O. Christmas present than a pair of E.

O. Burts's Foxed Button Boots for ladies, only \$5; misses, \$3.75; children, \$3.25; Boys' Red-Top Boots, \$3.50; Gentlemen's Calf. Hair, Embroidered, and Goat Slippers; Ladies' Toilette Slippers, all styles; fine Russia- and Grain-Leather Bags and Satchels, Toy Trunks, &c..at

W. P. W. TAYLOR'S,

de 23

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Walk phast and eczy. Buy ENGLISH MAY'S, de 22 Sixth and Broad.

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Business office, 1302 Cary street. Lime depot 1503 Dock street. DILLON, ELLETT & CO., my 29

WANTED, TO SELL SOME FURNI-THE PRIVATELY. Apply to Letter-Car-rier No. 5. de 29-1t

WANTED, PURCHASERS FOR ONE W HUNDRED CORDS OF SEASONED PINE
WOOD at the following forices: In the yard, \$3.50
per cord; \$1.75 per half cord, and \$1 per quarter
cord. Persons having teams of their own will do
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the lowest market rates.
No. 118 Eighth street near Packet landing.
de 30-3t

WANTED, a WOMAN without incumbrance capable of washing froning, and cooking for a small family. Apply at No. 310 east Clay street, between Third and Fourth. WANTED, AT ONCE, EMPLOYMENT

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by a good WHEELWRIGHT, who also understands carpenter's work. Is perfectly steady and reliable. Having a wife and two children to support, is willing to work for \$25 or \$30 per month. Is fully competent to keep accounts also. Please address care Letter-carrier No. 4, Richmond, Va. de 29-24

WANTED, 'A CUSTOMER FOR A HOWE STANDARD COAL- AND HAY-SCALE. Capacity, four tons. New-never used. Price, \$110—which is \$55 less than manufacturers' hst price. Address H. W. BURGETT, Richmond, Va. WANTED, PURCHASERS for No. 1
AVERAGE COAL for cooking-stoves and
grates. Call at once at 823 east Main street.
de 28
W.S. PILCHER.

WANTED, a SITUATION, by a competent BOOK-KEEPER, after the 1st of January, who is a single man, a native of Richmond, and can give satisfactory references. Address post-office box No. 241.

SUMAC AND BARK WANTED. I will pay \$1.25 per hundred for GOOD SUMAC. and \$10 per cord for CHESTNUT and SPANISH OAK BARK, at the tan-yard in Manchester, or at the sumac mills, corner Seventh and Canal streets, Richmond. [de 23-2w] JOHN P. HULST.

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TAXES, &c.

RICHMOND, VA., December 27, 1876. OTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

There is only three days remaining in which you will be able to pay your city taxes without incurring the penalty prescribed by ordinance.
This office does not close at 3 o'clock, but is open until 6 o'clock P. M. A. R. WOODSON, de 28.3t NOTICE TO PERSONS OWING CITY

RICHMOND, VA., November 30, 1876. This office will be open daily from 9 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M. from the 15th to the 30th day of December, inclusive, for the purpose of receiving from any person who has already paid one half of the city baxes charged to him, the remaining half, and that

or before the 30th day of December, there shall added TWENTY PER CENT.

upon the amount of the tax so remaining duc.

A. R. WOODSON,

no 30-1m

City Collector and the of watch WEATHER-STRIPS, FOR DOORS
AND WINDOWS.—Orders left with B. P.
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